



In re Application of:

YASUO FUKUDA

Application No.: 09/977,318

Filed: October 16, 2001

Docket No. 03500.015887.

Examiner: C. Larose

Group Art Unit: 2623

Date: November 22, 2005

For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, APPARATUS THEREFOR AND STORING MEDIUM

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional claims fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	* 39	MINUS	** 39	= 0	x \$25 \$50	-0-
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 8	MINUS	*** 8	= 0	x \$100 \$200	-0-
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$180°/\$360						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						-0-

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Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



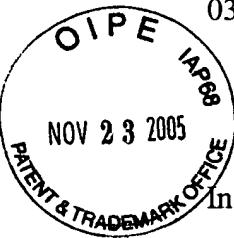
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) having been filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: